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TAGS: PFOR, SOPN, MZ

SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT: MOZAMBIQUID

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 503

SUMMARY: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS GOT IT ALL TOGETHER BY MAY 18  
AND TREATED MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR AS CIA SPY SHIP APPREHENDED IN  
CAMBODIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS. END SUMMARY.

1. NOTICIAS OF MAY 18 LED FRONT-PAGE STORY WITH "CREW OF  
THE MAYAGUEZ BELONGS TO CIA". TEXT: THE UNITED STATES  
MAINTAINS A NETWORK OF ESPIONAGE ALONG THE CAMBODIAN COAST,  
WITH SHIPS CAMOUFLAGED AS CARGO VESSELS AND FISHING BOATS  
CREWED BY THAI BELONGING TO THE CIA. THESE CREW MEMBERS  
ARE CHARGED WITH ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH OTHER AGENTS OF  
THE SAME ORGANIZATION INSTALLED ON CAMBODIAN SOIL. IN THE  
HOLDS OF THE SHIPS THERE WERE FOUND PLASTIC BOMBS AND  
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OF THE TYPE NOT USUALLY USED BY  
THESE KINDS OF VESSELS. ONE OF THESE SPY SHIPS IS THE CARGO  
VESSEL "MAYAGUEZ" WHICH AFTER HAVING BEEN APPREHENDED BY  
THE CAMBODIAN NAVY WAS RECOVERED BY FORCES OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA". END TEXT. PAGE 5 HAS REUTERS STORY  
DATELINED BANGKOK OF MAY 16 ALONG SAME LINES. MAY 19 NOTICIAS  
PRINTED AFP STORY ON PAGE 7 WHICH IS BASICALLY PRC'S NEW  
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CHINA AGENCY REACTION TO MAYAGUEZ EPISODE UNDER LEAD,

"RECOVERING THE MAYAGUEZ CONSIDERED ACT OF PIRACY".

2. MOZAMBIQUE RADIO PLAYED THE SAME TUNE.

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